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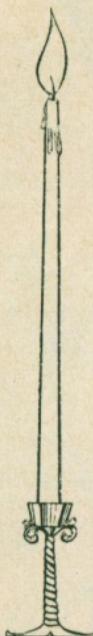
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Nightly at 7.45 p.m.

Resident Manager : Joe Kearns

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Commencing Monday, 30th Nov., 1970

## DUBLIN GRAND OPERA SOCIETY

presents in

An International Season of Opera

**CARMEN**  
(BIZET)

**FIDELIO**  
(BEETHOVEN)

**TALES OF HOFFMANN**  
(OFFENBACH)

**Guest Artistes :**

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**Conductors :**

NAPOLEONE ANNOVAZZI ALBERT ROSEN

Producer : PHILIPPE PERROTTET

Stage Director : PATRICK McCLELLAN

**Chorus Masters :**

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Assistant : JOHN BRADY

Choreographer : SYLVIA BEHAN

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## TALES OF HOFFMANN

Opera in 3 Acts, with Prologue and Epilogue, by Jacques Offenbach (1819-80). Libretto by Jules Barbier, based on "Fantastic Tales", by Wilhelm Amadeus Hoffmann (1776-1822) First Production, Opéra Comique, Paris, February 10th, 1881.

Time : About 1800. Place : Nuremberg, Venice, Munich.

### SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY

Prologue—Luther's Tavern, Nuremberg (next to the Opera House)—Night.

ACT 1—Dr. Spalanzani's drawing room—Some years earlier.

ACT 2—Venice—A Palace overlooking the Grand Canal.

ACT 3—Munich Councillor Crespel's house—Evening.

PROLOGUE—In Luther's wine cellar in Nuremberg. Forgetting his present love, Stella, an opera singer, Hoffmann, amidst revelry, relates to his friends the story of three of his loves, Olympia, Antonia and Giulietta as shown in the three acts of the Opera.

ACT 1—At Nuremberg, in the house of Spalanzani, inventor of the singing and dancing doll, Olympia, to hear whom guests are invited. Coppelius, who has supplied Olympia's eyes, has sold to Hoffmann magic glasses which make inanimate objects live. Thus Hoffmann falls in love with the doll. The mechanism of the doll goes out of order and Hoffmann, dancing with her, is thrown down, breaking the magic glasses. Spalanzani has given Coppelius a worthless cheque for Olympia's eyes. Unpaid, Coppelius revenges himself by destroying the doll. Hoffmann is jeered by the company.

ACT 2—Giulietta's palace in Venice. Despite the warning of his friend, Nicklaus, Hoffmann loves Giulietta, who is really the slave of the magician, Dapertutto, for whom she has stolen the shadow of Schlemil, who loves her. Giulietta catches, for the magician Hoffmann's image in a magic mirror. A quarrel is easily brought about between Hoffmann and Schlemil, the latter being killed. Thus Dapertutto obtains the dead man's soul. Giulietta and Pittichinaccio are seen in a gondola. Nicklaus persuades Hoffmann to flee.

ACT 3—In Munich at the house of Councillor Crespel, whose daughter, Antonia, Hoffmann loves, Crespel disapproving. The deaf servant, Franz, mishears his instructions and instead of keeping Hoffmann out, allows him to see Antonia. Crespel returns. Hoffmann, concealed, overhears him talk with the sinister Doctor Miracle and so learns that Antonia is consumptive. Miracle hopes to make Antonia an early victim. Crespel and the doctor gone, Hoffmann exacts from Antonia her promise to sing no more. He leaves and Miracle returns. He causes the portrait of Antonia's dead mother to command Antonia to sing. Antonia obeys. The effort kills her. Miracle disappears.

EPILOGUE—Luther's wine cellar, some hours after the Prologue, at the conclusion of Hoffman's narrative.

Monday, 7th December

Wednesday, 9th December

# TALES OF H

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**Hoffmann** (a student)

**Nicklaus** (his friend and counsellor)

**Luther** (a tavern keeper)

**Nathaniel** (a student)

**Dr. Spalanzani** (a physician) (Act 1)

**Olympia** (an automaton) (his creation)

**Cochenille** (his servant)

**Giulietta** (a courtesan) (Act 2)

**Peter Schlemil** (in love with her)

**Pittichinaccio** (a guest)

**Councillor Crespel** (Act 3)

**Antonia** (his daughter)

**Franz** (a servant)

**The Voice of Antonia's dead mother**

**Coppelius** (Act 1) an evil magician

**Dr. Miracle** (Act 3) an evil magician

**Departutto** (Act 2) an evil magician

**Lindorf** (Prologue & Epilogue)

**The Muse** (Epilogue)

GUESTS, MASQUERADE

Conductor : NAPOLEONE ANNOVAZZI

Producer : PHILIPPE PERROTTET

Dancers :

Pauline McDermot, Nadia Stiven, Orla Davin, Gabrielle MacDarby, Mary Manders, Breda Bartley.

Sets designed by PHILIPPE PERROTTET

built and painted in the Gaiety workshop under the supervision of ROBERT HEADE

Lighting by SEAN BURKE.

ursday, 10th December

Saturday, 12th December

# HOFFMANN

(FENBACH)

Cramer & Co., London)

, Paris, February 10, 1881.

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PATRICK O'ROURKE  
TERRY JENKINS  
PATRICK RING  
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BRENDAN CAVANAGH  
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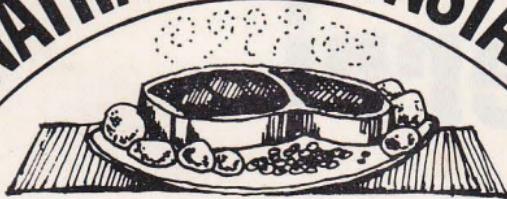
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